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Dear Roger:

Subject: Sheringham Visit

John Sheringham is looking forward to his visit to the FBIS stations and has told me about his interest in our methods of monitoring and bureau organization. Certainly we have a good friend in Sheringham, and John Campbell at times considers him almost as one of the spokesmen for FBIS.

Regarding the professional side of his visit, I do hope that John will have the opportunity to see monitors preparing monitors summaries and editors using them, as this will be one of the things he will certainly discuss with John Campbell on his return. A favorable report on the many advantages of monitors summaries and a statement that this is not a wasteful method of using manpower in monitoring would help the FBIS cause at Caversham, as we have been trying for years to get the BBC to do more and more monitors summaries, or slugging as it is called here.

On the personal side, I know that John has a very great interest in Thomas Jefferson, whom he considers the greatest of all American statesmen. Should there be any opportunity for him to go as far from Washington as Jefferson's home, he would, I am sure, consider this one of the great days of his life. I also know that he would like to spend a few minutes in the visitors galleries of the Senate or House during his stay in Washington, should Congress be in session at the time. It would be a great kindness to this splendid friend of FBIS if arrangements could be made for him to do one or both of these things.

Sincerely,

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Chief, London Bureau